GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NEW NATIONAL HEALTH PLAN
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have released the new national health policy;

(b) if so, whether Government propose that two years of rural posting would be mandatory for medical graduates and would be done through the Medical Council;

(c) if so, the other main features of the policy; and

(d) the steps are being taken to implement them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The National Health Policy-2002 announced recently states that State Governments could rigorously enforce a mandatory two-year rural posting before the awarding of the graduate degree. Some State Governments have already made rural service compulsory before admission to P.G. Courses or at the time of initial appointment.

(c) & (d) The National Health Policy, 2002 covers all aspects of health care and contains policy prescriptions regarding financial resources, equity, delivery of National Public Health Programmes, Public Health Infrastructure, Education of Health Care Professionals, Health Research, Role of various stakeholders - NGOs, civil society, Enforcement of quality standards for Food & Drugs, women`s health, etc. This Policy has been widely circulated both at the Centre and in the States upto the district level. Concerned organisations and State Governments have been advised to implement the new policy.